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28 October 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

THROUGH : Office of Planning, Programming and Budgeting

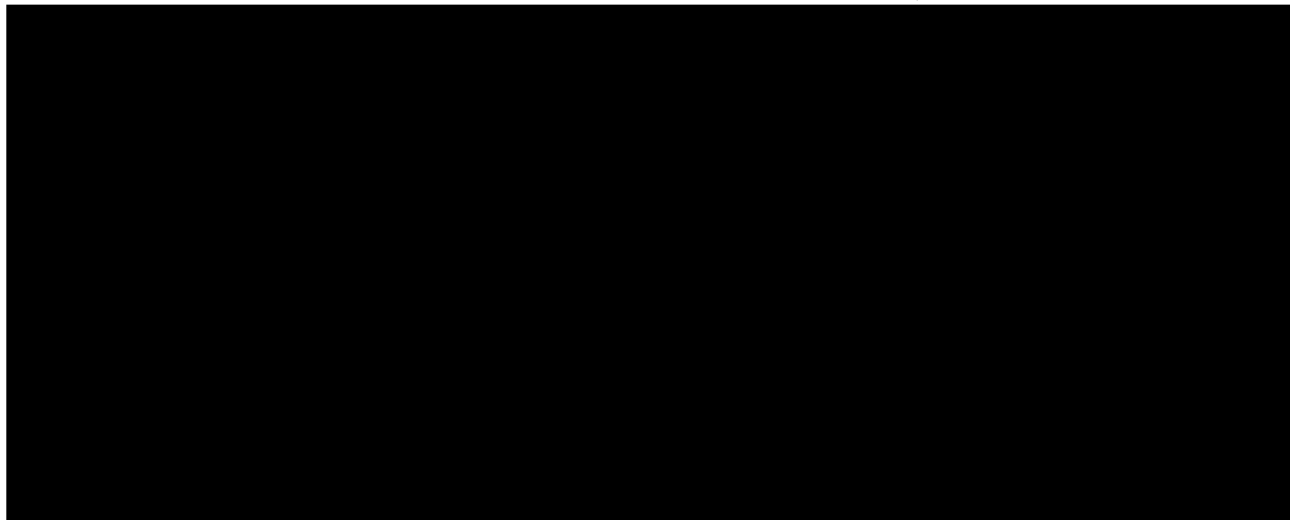
SUBJECT : Deferral of Contract Actions

REFERENCE : HN-45-91, dated 6 October 1966,  
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1. In response to the referenced Headquarters Notice, all DDC&T contract actions have been reviewed to determine the month in which is planned to be let. All those which had been proposed for negotiation from October 1966, through the end of January 1967, have been evaluated further to categorize them in accordance with HN-45-91.

2. Contracts which are to be eliminated; deferred beyond January 1967; continued as essential on-going R&D; and new contracts recommended for negotiation are tabulated by Office. The number of contracts, with the aggregate value in parentheses, is shown by Office and category in the following summary:

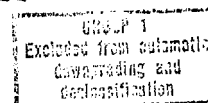
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4. In Attachment 2, deferred contracts, most of which had been planned for early second quarter of FY-1967, are nevertheless important and necessary elements of office programs.

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For this reason the brief justifying statements for each contract are intended to state why each one should not be delayed beyond the date indicated. To do so would disrupt not only the program supported by that contract but also other interrelated actions.

5. Attachment 3 lists the on-going R&D contracts which the Director of Research and Development and I have determined are vital to the conduct of operations. In general, the loss or delay of these actions would have a serious "domino effect" on programs nearing fruition or would result in substantial waste of time and money.

6. One hundred-four contracts recommended for action prior to 31 January 1967 are listed in Attachment 4. Each of these indicates the latest estimated cost to negotiate even though it may differ from the budgeted amount. Included are some actions in process for approval but which have not yet been finally approved at the requisite approving level for negotiation. In this listing, for the sake of brevity and good management, related contracts have been grouped into blocks in support of particular program objectives. This should permit the most reasonable and effective analysis of whole programs and all their implications.

7. It should be recognized that although the dollar value of eliminated contracts is admittedly small in comparison to the total Directorate budget, each Office has already reduced its budget to its prudent minimum. Also worth noting is the [REDACTED] to the third quarter of FY-1967 during which time almost all the planned obligations should be made to avoid a year end rash of contracts and "June buying."

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